CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for delivering goods comprising:

2   transporting the goods to a specified location;

3   upon delivery, acquiring, from a positioning service, a physical location of

4   the goods; and

5   recording the physical location to verify that the goods have in fact been

6   delivered to the specified location.

1   2.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of recording comprises

2   posting the physical location to a tracking service.

1   3.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

2   generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;

3   upon delivery reading the ticket; and

4   associating the recorded physical location of the goods with the ticket's

5   information.

1   4.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising upon delivery,

2   identifying and recording a universal time to provide a delivery time reference

3   having worldwide significance.

1   5.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

2   generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;

3   upon delivery reading the ticket; and

4   associating the recorded universal time with the ticket's information.

1   6.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising comparing the recorded

2   location with the specified location and issuing an alert indicating discrepancies.

1   7.   A method for delivering goods comprising:

2   transporting the goods to a specified location;

3   upon delivery, identifying a universal time; and

4   recording the universal time to provide a delivery time reference having

5 worldwide significance.

1   8.   The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

2   generating a ticket containing information relating to the goods;

3   upon delivery, reading the ticket; and

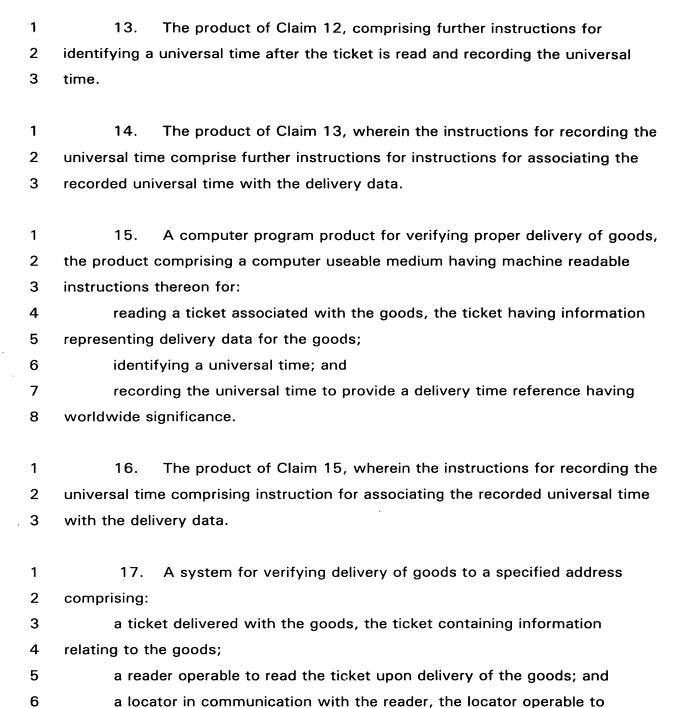4   associating the recorded universal time with the ticket's information.

1   9.   A computer program product for verifying proper delivery of goods

2 to a specified location, the product comprising a computer useable medium

3 having machine readable instructions thereon for:

4   reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information

5 representing delivery data for the goods;

6   acquiring from a positioning service a physical location of the goods; and

7   recording the physical location to verify that the goods have in fact been

8 delivered to the specified location.

1   10.   The product of Claim 9, wherein the instructions for recording

2 include instructions for posting the physical location to a tracking service.

1   11.   The product of Claim 9, wherein the instructions for recording

2 comprising instructions for associating the recorded physical location with the

3 delivery data.

1   12.   The product of Claim 9, comprising further instructions for

2 comparing the recorded physical location with the specified location and issuing

3 an alert indicating discrepancies.

1   13.   The product of Claim 12, comprising further instructions for
2   identifying a universal time after the ticket is read and recording the universal
3   time.

1   14.   The product of Claim 13, wherein the instructions for recording the
2   universal time comprise further instructions for instructions for associating the
3   recorded universal time with the delivery data.

1   15.   A computer program product for verifying proper delivery of goods,
2   the product comprising a computer useable medium having machine readable
3   instructions thereon for:
4   reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information
5   representing delivery data for the goods;
6   identifying a universal time; and
7   recording the universal time to provide a delivery time reference having
8   worldwide significance.

1   16.   The product of Claim 15, wherein the instructions for recording the
2   universal time comprising instruction for associating the recorded universal time
3   with the delivery data.

1   17.   A system for verifying delivery of goods to a specified address
2   comprising:
3   a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information
4   relating to the goods;
5   a reader operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods; and
6   a locator in communication with the reader, the locator operable to
7   acquire from a positioning service a physical location of the goods as the reader
8   reads the ticket.

1   18.   The system of Claim 17, further comprising a recorder in electronic

2 communication with the reader and the position locator, the recorder operable to

3 generate a delivery record associating data representing the physical location of

4 the goods with the information read from the ticket.

1   19.   The system of Claim 18, further comprising a log, the recorder

2 being further operable to store one or more delivery records in the log.

1   20.   The system of Claim 17, wherein at least some of the information

2 contained in the ticket represents the specified location, the system further

3 comprising a comparator in communication with the reader and the position

4 locator, the comparator operable to compare the physical location with the

5 specified location and to issue an alert indicating discrepancies.

1   21.   The system of Claim 17, further comprising a time service in

2 communication with the reader, the time service operable to identify a universal

3 time as the reader reads the ticket.

1   22.   The system of Claim 21, further comprising a recorder in electronic

2 communication with the reader and the time serviced, the recorder operable to

3 generate a delivery record associating data representing the universal time with

4 the information read from the ticket.

1   23.   The system of Claim 22, further comprising a log, the recorder

2 being further operable to store one or more delivery records in the log.

1   24.   The system of Claim 22 further comprising a tracking service, the

2 recorder being further operable to post one or more delivery records to the

3 tracking service.

1   25.   A system for verifying delivery of goods to a specified address

2   comprising:

3   a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information goods

4   data; and

5   a reader operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods;

6   a position locator in communication with the reader operable to acquire

7   from a positioning service a physical location of the goods as the reader reads

8   the ticket;

9   a time service in communication with the reader, the time service

10 operable to identify a universal time as the reader reads the ticket; and

11   a recorder in communication with the reader, position locator and time

12 service, the recorder operable to generate a delivery record associating data

13 representing the physical location of the goods and the universal time with

14 information read from the ticket.

1   26.   The system of Claim 25, wherein at least some of the information

2   contained in the ticket represents the specified location, the system further

3   comprising a comparator in communication with the reader and the position

4   locator, the comparator operable to compare the physical location with the

5   specified location and to issue an alert indicating discrepancies.